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To: Senator Caryn Tyson, Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

From: Nichole E. Inskeep, National Guard Association of Kansas, Legislative Chair

RE: HB 2036

The National Guard Association of the Kansas is comprised of commissioned officers of the Kansas National Guard, both Officer and Warrant Officer. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard – Kansas is comprised of all enlisted members. We advocate on behalf of our members, aiming to communicate our message to continuously improve our relevance, readiness, modernization and quality of life at both the state and national levels; all while promoting our rich heritage as the nation's first military organization. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee on the importance of HB2036 to our members.

The Air and Army National Guard of Kansas are always ready to serve when called upon by the Governor of Kansas or by the President of the United States for a wide variety of situations. Guardsmen stand ready to respond to natural disasters – both winter and summer, tornados and winter storms, they respond to pandemics, and the calls from our nation to deploy to places like Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Poland, just to name a few. Unfortunately, some Soldiers and Airmen make sacrifices for the mission which result in permanent disabilities.

HB 2036 is a step forward, in not only acknowledging the sacrifices made in duty to their country, but also provided much needed financial relief for Soldiers and Airmen that were permanently disabled due to those sacrifices. Kansas's neighbor states offer similar benefits, which makes it attractive for our Kansas veterans to leave the state. This proposed property tax exemption will also encourage our veterans to maintain Kansas as their home. Both NGAKS and EANGKS strive to improve the quality of life for our membership, HB2036 does just that. It provides continued support beyond the wear of the uniform, giving peace of mind that the sacrifices made in service to their state and nation will be recognized and they will be taken care of, just as they cared for both state and nation.

I respectfully request your support of HB 2036. Thank you so much for your time.

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